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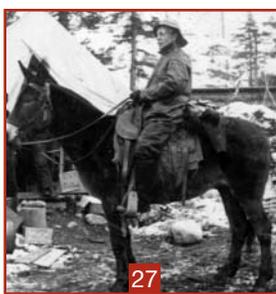
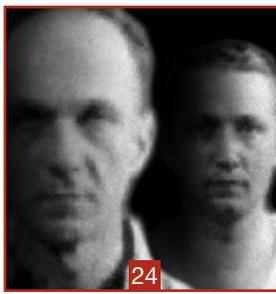


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**Cover photo: Translator Raid Hameed and his family pose with Postal Inspector Arthurine Jones (left center) and her driver, SPC Muriel Marshall (right) in June 2003 in Balad, Iraq. Inspector Jones was a Captain in the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade Unit of the U.S. Army Reserve, but was recently promoted to Major. Her tour of duty has been extended for one year.**

# Serving America *with Pride*

Employees of the U.S.  
Postal Inspection Service  
Serving in the Reserves  
and the National Guard

The Postal Inspection Service is proud to take this opportunity to honor its employees who, in addition to their full-time commitment to their Inspection Service jobs, chose to enlist with one of the branches of the U.S. military reserves or National Guard.

Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, an unprecedented number of military reservists were called up to serve active military duty, both here and abroad. There are currently 39

Postal Inspection Service employees who have

served, or are still serving, on active

duty with the reserves. Follow-

ing is a montage of the

responses received to

our request to

division offices to

hear about co-

workers' experiences.



## Chicago Division

Postal Inspector **Arthurine Jones**

Postal Inspector **Arthurine Jones** is a member of the Security Team at the Chicago Division. She is also a Captain in the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade Unit of the U.S. Army Reserve. Inspector Jones was called to active military duty on February 13, 2003, and reported to the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade. Two days later, she arrived at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In March, Inspector Jones was deployed to Kuwait and stationed at Camp Arifjan.

On April 13, Inspector Jones was moved to Camp Virginia. Since then she has been serving in Baghdad, where her unit is working to establish communications, mail service, food relief, and other tasks related to restoring order in Iraq. E-mail messages sent by Inspector Jones, along with photos, bring us a little closer to the war and to this brave woman—and to all of the men and woman serving in the military.



**Arthurine Jones**

**June 3, 2003, 9:28 PM**

All is well with me. I am here in Balad and it is still a bit dangerous. A soldier was killed just yesterday in an ambush here. We are losing soldiers almost daily, and it always saddens me to hear of those who make the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and justice. I am also thankful to them for that sacrifice.

I go out almost daily on missions in Balad and other areas to assess the schools, hospitals, food warehouses, power plants, water purification installations, etc. We must continue to provide humanitarian relief to the local populace. Every human being deserves to eat food, drink clean water, get

medical attention, and be availed the opportunity to education. I travel throughout the region, including Baghdad and the areas north of the city.

I have just a little time but I wanted to share with you some photos. Sorry to send one generic message.

The picture shows the family of our translator, Raid Hameed. The other female soldier is SPC Muriel Marshall. She is my driver and a fine young lady; a college student.



Take care and may peace be with you all,  
*Captain Arthurine Jones*

**Friday, July 4, 2003, 11:38 PM**

Thanks for your support and care packages that have helped me endure this deployment. Thanks to you and my family, I have enough to last a few months.

It is still dangerous here and the conditions are difficult. I will be okay.

Take care and thanks,  
*Arthurine*

**Friday, July 11, 2003, 1:32 AM**

Great hearing from you. Please pass my “THANK YOU’S” to the Atlanta Division. I will be on the lookout for the package. I will certainly get the items to the kids and soldiers, and I’ll e-mail pictures of the distribution.

I thank everyone for their support and patriotism. It really means a lot. The support is overwhelming from my family and friends, the Chicago Division (especially Janella and Kerry), Headquarters (especially Paulette and Karen), and now the Atlanta Division.

We have been getting hit here at the base nightly by mortar rounds. Soldiers have been injured, but no one has been killed. Keep the prayers going.

Bless you all,  
*Arthurine*

**Friday, July 11, 2003, 1:46 AM**

I appreciate all your support, prayers, and well wishes. I know that things are busy at the division, yet you take the time to think of me and send me great care packages. I currently have enough to last me a few months. I also share with my unit members.



I'll keep in touch. Things have been a bit scary, especially the last five days. We have been getting hit with mortar rounds at night inside the wire here at the base. I have been going out on missions during the day and I breathe a sigh of relief when we return. We will be staying inside the wire for a few days due to security reasons I cannot discuss.

I thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and support.

*Arthurine*



p.s. The attached pictures include: the 308th Civil Affairs Brigade Team at the Soda Factory in Balad (page 3), Iraq; schools in Balad that I assessed and was approved to restore through the Operation Anaconda Neighborhood Project; the Canning Company in Balad (I ate an Iraqi lunch there); and getting my hair washed by SPC Marshall (above).



## Career Development Division

Student Inspector **William E. Beaty**

**William Beaty** arrived at the Career Development Division on January 11, 2003, after being accepted into the Basic Inspector Training program. Just two weeks later, the aspiring Inspector received a notice to report to active duty on January 27, 2003.

Mr. Beaty was accepted at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1988 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1992, later earning the rank of Captain. He served in active duty from 1992 until 2001. Among other assignments, Mr. Beaty worked with the airborne cavalry, in ammunition logistics, and on bomb disposal. After nine years of active duty, he began inactive reserve duty in 2001. From January through April 2003, he was assigned to the 3-289 Training Support Battalion at the Fort Polk Army Base in Louisiana. His duties included training soldiers in the use of 50-caliber machine guns and the Mark 19, an automatic grenade launcher for 40mm grenades. In May 2003, Mr. Beaty was transferred to Fort Carson, Colorado, where, for three months, he headed a team responsible for mobilizing a National Guard Unit from Iowa. Mr. Beaty, who is fluent in Russian and Spanish, was released from reserve duty in August 2003 and rejoined Basic Inspector Training, Class 2003-10, in September.



**William Beaty**

## Criminal Investigations Service Center, Chicago

Operations Technician **Valerie Hinton**

**Valerie Hinton** works with Inspectors on international mail fraud cases, monitors tips received from the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and assists Postal Inspector-Attorney Terry Finley to ensure goals for disrupting foreign lotteries are met.

In the Navy, Valerie Hinton's title is Air Traffic Controller, Second-Class Petty Officer. She completed Leadership Training in March 2003 and served three months at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, where she completed Advanced Radar Air Traffic Control and Carrier Air Traffic Control schools. In January 2003, she was aboard the USS Enterprise supporting battle training of troops and combat readiness. She was voted the number 1 Second-Class Petty Officer in her Command for the fiscal year. In February 2003, she received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. On May 4, 2003, she scored an outstanding on her Physical Readiness Test. Ms. Hinton recently passed the First-Class Petty Officer exam and is awaiting her formal notice of promotion.



**Valerie Hinton**

## Denver Division

Postal Inspectors **June K. Beinhorn** of the St. Paul Field Office, **Randy L. Griffin** of the Salt Lake City Office, and **Randy Stokes** of Division Headquarters, and Postal Police Officers **Larry C. Herrera** and **Patrick R. Lee**

Postal Inspector **June Beinhorn** began active duty on November 1, 2001, in support of Operation Noble Eagle-Enduring Freedom and completed her tour on March 12, 2003. Inspector Beinhorn is a Master Sergeant. She was initially stationed at the 347th Security Forces Squadron at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. Her duties included serving as flight chief, patrol, and security for the base. From October 6, 2002, through March 10, 2003, Master Sergeant Beinhorn was on a temporary duty assignment with the 934th squadron at Minneapolis-St. Paul as a non-commissioned officer in charge, responsible for passes and registration. While on this tour of duty, she received an Air Force Commendation Medal, an Air Force Achievement Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal.



**June Beinhorn**

Postal Inspector **Randy L. Griffin** was called to active duty on January 27, 2003, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As a Major in the U.S. Army, Randy Griffin is assigned to the 91st Training Support Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. Randy is the liaison officer for the 2nd Brigade Commanding Officer. The mission of the 91st Division is to train and support guard and reserve units and prepare them to be deployed in combat. His daily duties include evaluating training, personnel, and equipment for activated units assigned to Fort Carson; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Lewis, Washington; and Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. Inspector Griffin conducts daily telephone briefings with the commanding general in California to advise him of critical mobilization issues.



**Randy L. Griffin**

As busy as he is, Inspector Griffin still finds time to maintain his physical fitness program. He is training to participate in a four-person, 56.5-mile adventure called the Dagger Challenge, which is sponsored by the 2nd Brigade. Team members must complete a high-mountain course of up to 14,000 feet, which is expected to take 24 hours.

Postal Inspector **Randy Stokes** was called to active duty, for the second time in less than a year, on March 22, 2003, and returned to the Denver Division in August 2003. He served as a Captain with the Air Force Reserves in the Office of Special

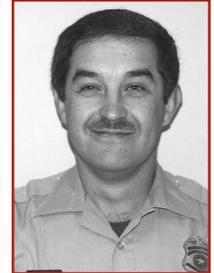


**Randy Stokes**

Investigations. Inspector Stokes was in Northern Iraq, but was not able to discuss his specific mission or whereabouts.

Back in the United States, Inspector Stokes is on the Security-Prevention Team at the Denver Division and is the Threat Management Coordinator, responsible for all related training for the division.

Postal Police Officer **Larry C. Herrera** is a Chief Petty Officer (E-7) with the U.S. Navy at Fallon, Nevada. He was called to service on October 23, 2001, and has since completed his active duty and has returned to the Denver Division. PPO Herrera was assigned to the Military Police Unit and operated as a liaison between active-duty military police and the reserve force.



**Larry Herrera**



**Patrick R. Lee**

Postal Police Officer **Patrick R. Lee** is a Captain (O-4) with the U.S. Air Force, Wyoming Air National Guard. He is assigned as an aircraft maintenance officer for C-130 H3 aircraft and is Officer in Charge of the Component Repair Branch. He was called to service on December 14, 2001. From April 1 through June 17, 2003, PPO Lee was deployed to an undisclosed desert location. He has since completed his active duty and has returned to the Denver Division.

## Detroit Division

Postal Inspectors **Troy DuMond**, **Thomas J. Gasser III**, and **Karl Hansen**

Postal Inspector **Troy DuMond** reported via e-mail:

“I am a Captain with the Ohio Army National Guard. I’m currently the Headquarters Company Commander for the 416th Engineer Group. We will deploy sometime in September to conduct combat engineer operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.”



**Troy DuMond**

September 10, 2003, was Inspector DuMond’s last day at the Detroit Division.

Postal Inspector **Karl Hansen** is serving as a Lieutenant Junior Grade with the regional Marine Safety Office in Detroit, Michigan. His office is responsible for port security, pollution response, and commercial vessel inspections from the southern end of the Detroit River to Tawas, Michigan, on the Lake Huron shore north of Saginaw Bay.



**Karl Hansen**

Postal Inspector **Thomas J. Gasser III** is serving with the operations division of the Coast Guard's regional command in Detroit. He was promoted in August 2003 to Lieutenant Commander.



**Thomas J. Gasser III**

Inspector Gasser supervises search and rescue, law enforcement operations, and other missions from 20 miles east of Cleveland, Ohio, to 20 miles north of Tawas, Michigan. He is also a program manager for the International Tall Ships Festival, which will be in the great lakes from July through August. Thirty tall ships, representing the United States and four other countries,

will visit nine ports between Cleveland and Bay City, Michigan. Inspector Gasser is responsible for planning and coordination for each of the ports. Because this year marks Ohio's bicentennial, major festivals are planned in Cleveland and Toledo for the tall ship arrival.

The Detroit Division commends Inspectors DuMond, Gasser, and Hansen. Their co-workers miss their contributions to daily work efforts, but are proud of their important roles in the preservation of our national security.

## Fort Worth Division

Postal Inspectors **Roland A. Flores**, San Antonio Domicile, and **John N. Treloggen**, Little Rock Domicile

Postal Inspector **Roland A. Flores** was mobilized in November 2001 to serve as Colonel and Deputy Commanding Officer for the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, located at the Goodfellow Air Force Base at Fort Huachuca, with subordinate units in Texas and Florida, is the largest Military Intelligence Brigade in the world. It comprises approximately



**Roland A. Flores**

5,000 personnel in five battalions of cadre officers, instructors, and students from all military branches and coalition forces.

As Deputy Brigade Commander, Inspector Flores managed all staff functions and was responsible for managing and monitoring the Brigade's \$16 million budget and providing training and support. He returned to the Inspection Service from active duty on June 2, 2003.

Postal Inspector **John Treloggen** was called to serve active military duty for one to two years beginning December 18, 2002, and ending in December or January 2004. He is a lieutenant commander with the U.S. Naval Reserve, which he joined in September 1984, but this is the first time he was called to active duty. His most recent reserve assignment was with the Office of Naval Intelligence Reserve Unit in Memphis, Tennessee. He reported to the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Headquarters in Tampa, Florida, in December 2002, and expects to remain there.



**John Treloggen**

Inspector Treloggen is in the CENTCOM Targets Section, where he develops special projects for the

Chief of Intelligence. The Targets Section is responsible for assessing the priority of various targets in a given area and the effectiveness of weapons used against those targets during conflicts.

Inspector Treloggen contacted Little Rock team members and reported he has had a good tour of duty so far, but looks forward to being reunited with his family. Of particular note was an opportunity to meet General Tommy Franks and country singer Willie Nelson. Overall, Inspector Treloggen said that working with this cadre of professional, skilled war fighters has been the highlight of his military career.

Inspector Treloggen has been using his free time to practice ATA Tae Kwon Do, kayak on Tampa Bay, fish as often as possible, and renew friendships with current and retired Inspection Service cohorts. He sends a sincere "thank you" to Inspection Service family members who have called and sent messages of encouragement and support while he has been away.

## Houston Division

Postal Inspector **Ronald Jewell**, North Houston Domicile, and Postal Inspector **Christopher J. Nugent**, New Orleans Field Office

Postal Inspector **Ron Jewell** is serving as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, 2d Battalion, 382 Regiment, Logistical Support. He was last known to be stationed at Fort Hood in Waco, Texas, where he is commander of a regiment and was preparing troops for deployment to Iraq. His duties included providing training and issuing equipment. He does not yet have a confirmed return date from duty.



**Ronald Jewell**

Postal Inspector **Chris Nugent** is a Captain with the National Guard and was stationed in Uzbekistan. He returned to the United States on August 16, 2003, and will report back to the New Orleans Field Office in September 2003. The following letter and photos were received from Inspector Nugent in June 2003.

“I was ordered to report to active duty on January 26, 2003, with the 113th Military Patrol of the National Guard at Fort Benning, Georgia, for a period



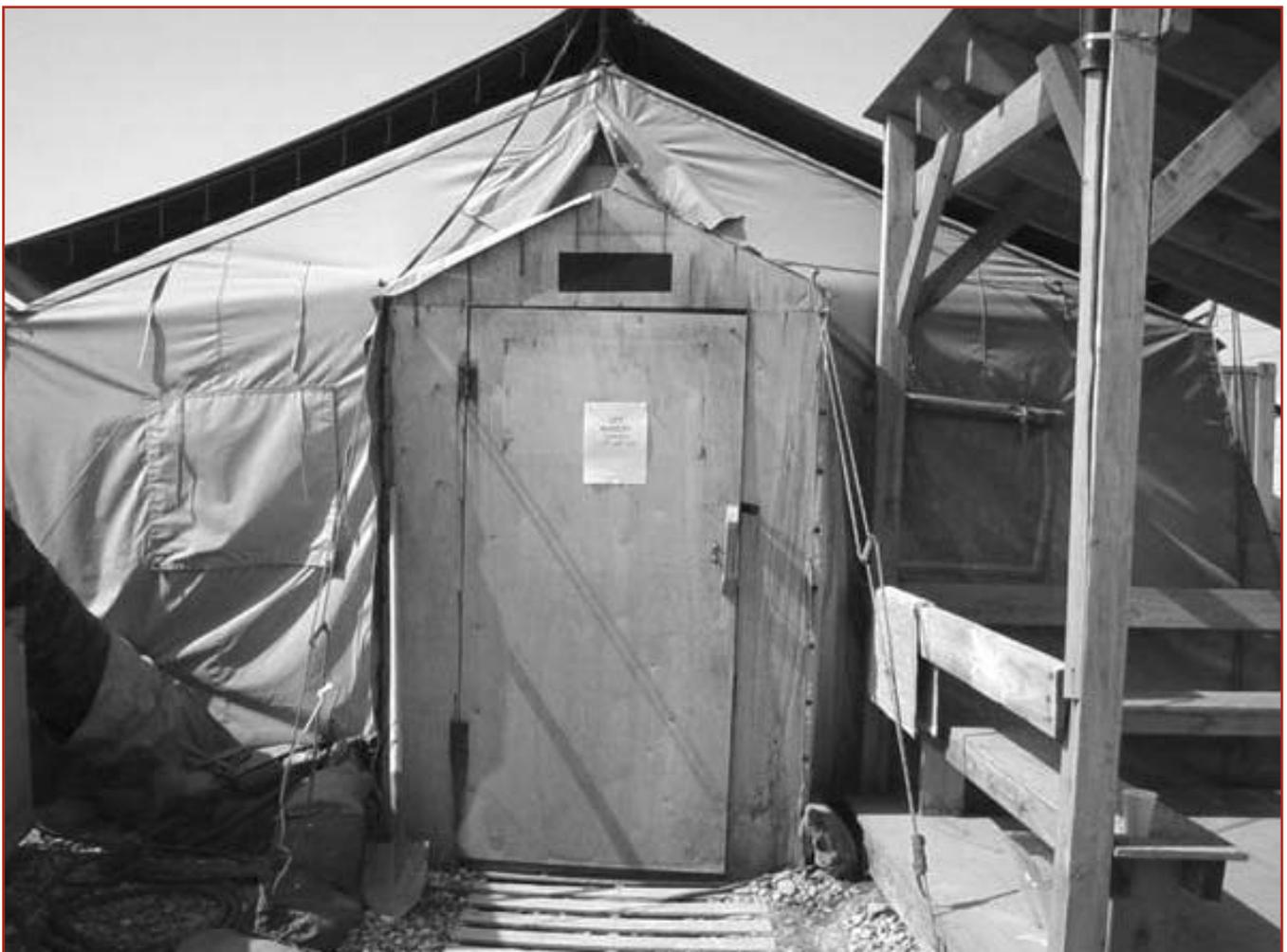
**Chris Nugent (left)**

not to exceed one year. My work area is 91. I sleep behind that partition. I also hold meetings in this area, but I think I will be getting kicked out in a week or so. The guy standing to my left is Sergeant First-Class George Pender. He is my full-time readiness officer, while I'm just a part-timer. He assists with a lot of the administrative work.

There is farmland beyond the fence, and mountains a little further out. The fence is the perimeter of the base. My guys patrol the perimeter.

The last picture is on the base looking south. You must cross the mountains to get to Afghanistan. There is still snow on the mountains, which are about 50 miles away.

Take care and hope to be back at work in September [2003]. I never thought I would miss the place. Chris”



## Los Angeles Division

Postal Inspector **Victor A. Figueroa** of the San Diego Field Office and Postal Police Officers **Walter Morgan, Armand Patino II**, and **Rolando Munoz-Chicas**

Postal Inspector **Victor A. Figueroa** of the External Crimes Team in San Diego was called to active duty on February 2, 2003. He anticipates completing active duty in February 2004. Following is an account of Inspector Figueroa's military service, in his own words.



**Victor A. Figueroa**

"I was activated by the Army on February 2, 2003, and flew to Fort Eustis, Virginia, three days later for processing. On February 9, I reported to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with my team. I am a Major and work in the Transportation unit as a team chief and traffic manager officer. I operate as a transportation movement officer in a theater-level Deployment Support Brigade. I direct a movement-control team to stage and deploy personnel and equipment and am responsible for worldwide deployment capabilities procedures, communication and liaison duties with installation transportation officers, unit movement officers, seaport of embarkation representatives, and Department of Defense personnel. I provide guidance as needed to other units preparing for deployment. At Fort Bragg, my team helped mobilize elements from the 82nd Airborne Division and various National Guard units. I left Fort Bragg in April for Fort Eustis, Virginia, where I received orders to go to Germany with my team in April. In Germany, I helped mobilize elements from the 1st Armor Division and then received orders to go to Kuwait, where I expect to be for three to six months. The tour is scheduled to end by February 2, 2004, but they are already asking for volunteers to extend service for one more year."

The Inspection Service colleagues of Inspector Figueroa, as well as his wife and two children, miss him and pray for his safe and early return.

Postal Police Officer **Walter Morgan** was called to active service as a Petty Officer Second-Class a few days after September 11 to assist with security at the Point Magu, California, Naval Air Station and then at the 32nd Street Naval Base in San Diego. In November 2001, Petty Officer Morgan received orders to report to the naval base in Sasebo, Japan, where he augmented security at the fuel depot and ammunition storage

compounds, as well as handling other law enforcement duties. Petty Officer Morgan returned stateside in June 2002. He is now retired from the U.S. Naval Reserves after more than 20 years of service.

Postal Police Officer **Armand Patino II** reported to the Naval Air Facility in El Centro, California, where his primary duties involved patrol, vehicle and property searches, dignitary protection, and explosive-ordinance escorts. Petty Officer Second-Class Patino was also responsible for training new security personnel on the base.

Postal Police Officer **Rolando Munoz-Chicas** of the U.S. Air Force was activated on January 2003 and is assigned as a Staff Sergeant to the security force at Moffett Federal Airfield at Mountain View, California. Staff Sergeant Munoz-Chicas supervises the security of the airfield. He also works with a joint U.S. Army-U.S. Air Force security force on Operation Armored Falcon, and with the National Air and Space Administration's Police Department.

## New York Division

Postal Inspectors **Joseph Antonino** and **David Arias**, and Postal Police Officers **Romuald Pierre, David Ramos, Edgar B. Solono**, and **Ismael Aponte**

Postal Inspector **Joseph Antonino** is a Captain with the Army National Guard. He was assigned to the 19th Special Forces Unit in Rhode Island and is training for Special Unit Qualification as a Green Beret. Inspector Antonino has completed two phases of the training and is now in phase three. His period of service began January 29, 2003, and concluded August 22, 2003.

Postal Inspector **David Arias** is a First Lieutenant with the Army National Guard. His period of service began March 15, 2003, and is not expected to exceed one year.

Postal Police Officer **Romuald Pierre** is a Sergeant with the U.S. Army. He is serving at Fort Dix as a first-line supervisor in a Military Police Unit. Military police provide perimeter security at military installations, secure POWs, and act as corrections officers at military correctional facilities. His period of service began January 20, 2003, and is not expected to exceed one year.

Postal Police Officer **David Ramos** is a Sergeant with the U.S. Army. He is serving at Fort Dix as a first-line supervisor in a Military Police Unit. His period of service began November 30, 2001, and may conclude February 11, 2004.

Postal Police Officer **Edgar B. Solono** is a Sergeant with



**David Ramos and Edgar B. Solono**

the U.S. Army. He is serving as a first-line supervisor in a Military Police Unit. His period of service began January 8, 2003, and may conclude November 5, 2003.



**Ismael Aponte**

Postal Police Officer **Ismael Aponte** is a Sergeant Major with the U.S. Army. His period of service began July 31, 2002, and concluded in June 2003. PPO Aponte is serving at the U.S. Army's Sergeants Major Academy, an educational institution for senior enlisted members of the armed forces at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Note: Postal Police Officer **David Ramos** is with the 340th MPG, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Squad, Camp Arifjan, in Iraq. Coincidentally, Postal Police Officer **Edgar Solono** is in the same company and assigned to the same tent—it's a small world indeed. Neither one has been apprised of their return date.

In June 2003, PPO Ramos reported that his job was:

"patrolling MSRs [main supply routes]. Yesterday's temperatures reached 108 degrees by 9:00 a.m. There is still some shooting going on. I was fired at a few times!"

On July 24, an e-mail from PPO Ramos indicated he was moving further north into Iraq. He also reported:

"There's no running water or electricity. Human waste is disposed of by burning it with diesel and gasoline. I expect to be home before Xmas.

Peace and Happiness, David.

p.s. Edgar Solono sends his regards."

## Philadelphia Division

Postal Police Officers **Shirley M. Minster** and **DeVuono Hunter**, and Postal Inspector **Darryl Wallace**

Postal Police Officer **Shirley M. Minster** was called to active duty in September 2001. She is serving as a Sergeant Major in the Army Reserve and is assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey, as the commanding sergeant major.

Postal Police Officer **DeVuono Hunter** was called to active duty on March 29, 2003. He is a reservist in the Navy and served as a Dental Technician assigned to the Naval Medical Corps. PPO Hunter returned from active duty in late August 2003.

Postal Inspector **Darryl Wallace**, with the Security Team in Philadelphia, is on active duty with the Air Force Reserve as a Master Sergeant assigned to Logistics. He is in the 88th Unit APS at the McGuire Air Force Base. Inspector Wallace appeared in a PBS documentary. An Inspection Service friend who spoke with him said he sounded good, just a little tired. Inspector Wallace had just returned from a short mission and was preparing to go out again. In August 2003, Inspector Wallace reported that he is on a secret assignment and is unsure when he will return. He has asked for our prayers while he is away.



**Darryl Wallace, on the left, is receiving an award from Philadelphia Division Inspector in Charge I.T. Carle.**

## Pittsburgh Division, Cleveland Field Office

Postal Inspector **Osman "Paul" P. Suboyu**

Postal Inspector **Osman "Paul" P. Suboyu** was called to serve active duty as a Major with the U.S. Air Force's Office of Special Investigations at Andrews Air Force base in Maryland. Inspector Suboyu reported:

"I'm performing duties related to counterintelligence in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. I am assigned as the War Integration Officer. My return date is no later than April 2004."



**Osman "Paul" P. Suboyu**

## San Francisco Division

The following San Francisco Division employees are serving, or have served, in the military reserve over the past year.

Postal Police Officer **Bruce Bock**, AD2/E5, U.S. Navy

Postal Police Officer **Loren J. Clayton**, U.S. Air Force Reserve

Postal Police Officer **Johnnie Crouse**, Sergeant, U.S. Army Reserve (now returned)

Postal Inspector **Frank Ducar**, who has returned to the San Francisco Division from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Army Reserve, e-mailed the messages below to co-workers during his period of service.



**Frank Ducar**

**April 28, 2003, 2:26 PM**

I just returned from Fort Carson, Colorado, after one month with a National Guard Field Artillery Battalion. The battalion was activated to support the 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq. I led a team that provided training for the Battalion Commander. We lived in the field and were snowed on several times. There were no heaters in the tent, so it got a little frosty. Tomorrow I switch from my regular BDUs (battle dress uniform) to DCU (desert camouflage uniform), as I leave for Saudi Arabia for about a month. I will be working with the 6th Saudi Armor Brigade at King Kahlid Military City. Last I heard, Dennis is at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Brian is at Fort Benning in Georgia, but I do not know their specific duties. As far as when this will end, nothing definite has been set, but I believe we will begin demobilization around July 1.

Hope all is well with you. I really am looking forward to returning to work. Frank

**June 16, 2003, 12:03 PM**

Dennis and I are back at Camp Parks in the Dublin area. Brian is still at Fort Benning, Georgia, and will probably be there until we demobilize. We have been given a tentative de-mobilization date of September 30. Hope all is well with everyone. Kimberly graduated a couple of weeks ago, and she has a job in Concord. After a year they will help her pay for law school. She decided to take a year off before going back to school. Frank

Postal Police Officer **Joseph M. Johnston** entered the Air Force Reserve in November 1992 after ending his active duty with the Air Force in July 1992. He was assigned to the 349th Security Police Squadron, which later became the 349th Security Force Squadron, at Travis Air Force Base in California. In September 2001, PPO Johnston was called to serve active duty and was assigned to the 60th Security Force Squadron as a Patrolman and



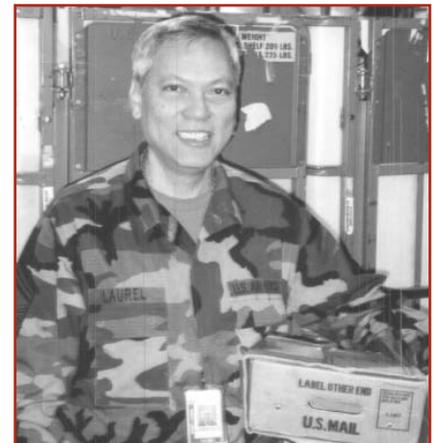
**Joseph M. Johnston**

Security Force member protecting Air Force assets, such as the C-5 and C-130 troop and cargo transports, KC-10 aircraft refuelers, as well as civilian and military personnel at Travis Air Force Base. He was deployed with the 349th and 60th Security Force Squadrons to serve on Operation Northern Watch in San Vito, Italy, in May and June 2001; on Palmetto Ghost, Puerto Rico, in September and October 2001; and on Operation Enduring Freedom and Homeland Security from September 2001 to March 2003. His many duties included Manager of Disaster Preparedness, Flight On-the-Job Training Manager, and FTO of Security, and he was trained on aircraft interdiction as a Anti-Terrorism Response Force Team Member. PPO Johnston received his Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice with the Air Force and performed as a volunteer for the Vietnam Moving Wall, the Travis Air Show and Exposition, Presidential Security, and on a Veterans Memorial Detail.

PPO Johnston was deactivated in March 2003. He retired from the Air Force Reserve as a Technical Sergeant on April 1, 2003, with nearly 21 years of military service.

Postal Inspector **Larry Laurel** is a Senior Master Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He was called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from January 13 through July 15, 2003,

and has now returned to the San Francisco Division. Inspector Laurel reported for duty with the Joint Military Postal Activity, Pacific, at the San Francisco International Service Center (ISC). His duties included expediting Army and Air Force Post Office and Fleet Post Office outbound military mail for the Army,



**Larry Laurel**

Navy, Air Force, and Marine units being deployed to Iraq. During the first three months of 2003, the ISC was overwhelmed with mail. In the last month of his tour, Inspector Laurel processed returning

inbound mail from the troops in Iraq to various destinations. According to the Inspector, much of the mail was covered with desert sand.

Postal Inspector **Brian Markwell** is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve, mobilized with the 91st Division at Camp



**Brian Markwell**

Parks in Dublin, California. He served a six-month detail as a Liaison Officer with the 91st Division and 5th Army, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, at the U.S. Army Reserve's Command Headquarters at Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia. He provided a direct link for communications between the Reserve Command and the command elements of the 5th Army and 91st Division, bypassing formal communication channels to provide timely and unfiltered information for each group. The 5th Army covers everything west of the Mississippi River and is a Lieutenant General (three-star) command. Markwell also coordinated staff activities at all levels as units were being readied for deployment. Inspector Markwell returned in August to the San Francisco Division from active duty.

Postal Inspector **Beatrice Moore** is a Fraud Team Leader at the San Francisco Division. She was called to active duty in February 2003 by the Marine Safety Office (MSO) of the U.S. Coast Guard in San Francisco Bay. Assigned by the U.S. Coast Guard as a Senior Chief Petty Officer and Port Security Specialist, Senior Chief Moore was assigned to safeguard the ports and shipping industry in the San Francisco Bay area from acts of terrorism and maritime crimes. During her more than four months of active duty, she investigated U.S. merchant mariners who submitted fraudulent documents or committed other illegal acts for possible prosecution and revocation of their Coast Guard-held license or merchant mariners' document. She was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard's Achievement Medal for superior performance from February 2003 through June 2003. Senior Chief Moore has been in the Coast Guard for about 22 years. She was previously recalled to active duty for about one month following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. In addition to her service at San Francisco Bay for the past 14 years, Moore has been stationed at MSOs in Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Honolulu. Inspector Moore has returned from serving active duty.

Postal Inspector **Dennis W. Morata** was called to active service as a Major with the U.S. Army Reserve under Operation Iraqi Freedom. He reported to Fort Lewis, Washington, and Fort Bliss, Texas, to teach military decision-making processes to officer battalion-level staffs preparing to deploy to Iraq. He also assisted in providing skills training for non-commissioned officers. Inspector Morata helped prepare and plan for a "clear sky"

mission to train air defense artillery assets in defending national sites against attacks by civilian airplanes. The mission was re-assigned when his battalion was re-deployed to the base station in Dublin, California. Inspector Morata also presented training and instruction on civil affairs missions, including post-combat and nation-building operations, for the 91st Division staff. Inspector Morata has returned from serving active duty.

Postal Police Officer **Norris Perales** is serving as a Senior Airman (E-4), utilities systems specialist, with the U.S. Air Force. He was assigned to the 349th Civil Engineer Squadron at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, under the Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (Prime BEEF) Unit. He installs, inspects, repairs, and manages plumbing, water distribution, waste-water collection systems and components, fire suppression, and backflow prevention systems, all of which must comply with environmental and safety regulations.

From February 15 through March 15, 2003, PPO Perales established a base camp for Task Force Jaguar near the city of Dangriga in Belize. Task Force Jaguar was a joint services project led by the U.S. Army to build three classrooms and a community center in Dangriga. The task force offers humanitarian assistance to Belize to foster good relations. The school site was about four miles from the base camp and a two-and-a-half-hour bus ride from Belize. The camp housed all task force members, an average of 310 troops. PPO Perales has returned from serving active duty.



**Norris Perales**

Postal Police Officer **Daniel Yen** is on active duty as a Sergeant with the Alpha Company, 223 MI Battalion, in the National Guard. He attends weekend and annual drills. During weekend drills, he studies linguistics, interpretation, translation, and interrogation. He receives training on various weapons, nuclear-biological-chemical gas masks, first aid, map reading, land navigation, and physical development. For annual drills, he reports to different locations each year. He has been assigned to work in Germany, Panama, and Honduras, as well as Texas, South Carolina, Utah and Oregon. PPO Yen has returned from serving active duty.



**Daniel Yen**